



Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

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SWARCer News

March 2013

February Meeting Minutes

SWARC Meeting Monday Feb 4

Dave (K4MSE) opened meeting at 7:07pm

Greg (AK4LK) moved that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as published in the newsletter.

Tim (W4TAR) seconded. Motion carried Minutes were accepted.

Dave ordered another TH-F6a, tickets go on sale tonight for \$5 each

Dave showed the Radio Flyer wagon, that will be giving it to Duke Hospital.

Steve (KA0GMY) made a motion that Jim (K9RII) put it together and Mike (KD4OKR) put Larry W4LCW's call sign on the back of it. Mike seconded Motion carried.

Steve made a motion that we buy a 2nd wagon...seconded by Tim

Steve suggested the 2nd be labeled with South Wake ARC on the back.

Dave stated that Summer field day is coming up. Volunteers are needed for

Need Field Day Chairperson

Radio Boy/Girl

Food Boy/Girl

Dave will take care of securing the American Legion

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Volunteers came forward as follows:

Steve Chairperson

Jim - Radio

Tim - Food



NETS

The following nets take place
on the 145.21Mhz
(82.5 Hz)K4ITL
"Blackjack" Repeater.

Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net - Every
night at at 7:30pm

South Wake ARC Traders Net -
Every Tuesday night of each
month with the exception of the 2nd
Tuesday, immediately following the
Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net.

South Wake ARC Tech Net -
Every 2nd Tuesday night
immediately following the Nightly
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dinner afterwards at Golden Corral on Hwy 70 Howard KU4ZH is heading it
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Annual SWARC auction was held, and the meeting adjourned.

Announcements

Next Club Meeting: March 4th, 2013 - 6pm dinner - 7pm meeting
Location: Fuquay Varina Presbyterian Church - 307 N. Ennis St. - Fuquay
Varina, NC
Program: Skywarn Training

Weekly Informal Breakfast

Every Saturday 9am - Now meeting at Golden Corral in Garner, NC - Hwy
401 & Tryon Rd.

Hamux

Hi all!

My project Hamux has Hamux6 64bit (CentOS 6 based) LiveCD RC1
available for downloading and testing. An RC1 is "Release Candidate 1". It is
a beta and not the final. If you are interested in playing with linux or are like
testing linux, please download and let me know what you see that could
improve the distribution.

Feel free to send this to any folks that you know who are interested in Linux
and Ham Radio. :)

73, dit dit

-Roy

KK4ATD

<http://distro.ibiblio.org/hamux/>

<http://sites.google.com/site/kk4atd/>

<http://sites.google.com/site/kk4atd/current-projects/hamux>

SWARCER NEWS

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Radio Club. It is emailed monthly to members, and also gets archived
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Net Report

Hello all! The numbers I have listed below are for January 2013. All of January's nets are accounted for. I am happy to mention that both the members, and visitors participating are up by a few from December. I am even happier to mention the jump in total check ins. 390 was the total last month. The numbers are as follows.

Net Sessions: 31

SWARC Members Participating: 18

Visitors Participating: 48

Total Check Ins: 491

Average of 16 check ins each night

Net Control Operators

KJ4CVK ran 6 nets

KK4BVU ran 5 nets

AJ4NX ran 5 nets

KA0GMY ran 5 nets

NC4MP ran 4 nets

KT4JR ran 4 nets

K9RII ran 2 nets

Top 10

Sharing the title of check in champ this month is KT4JR, and KK4BVU each with 30 check ins. The runner up is the GREAT (hahaha) NC4MP with 29 check ins. Next we have the wise, but ugly KA0GMY, and K4MWE with 28 check ins each. Then we have K9RII with 26 check ins. Next is KJ4CVK with 22 check ins. Then we have K9RII's brother from another mother, N4NCT with 20 check ins. Next on the list is K1DUG with 15 check ins. Then we have the intelligent KI4YII with 12 check ins. Next we have the educator of Sampson Co. KI4GNC, and KK4ATD with 4 check ins each. Last but not least, we have KJ4DNS bringing up the rear with 2 check ins.

Well there you have it folks! I would like to give a big thank you to all of the net controls for there services, because without them, there would not be a net every night most likely. Although we have a net control for each night, we still could use some substitute/back up net controls. Requirements are.....well.....none, other than being a licensed ham, and be willing to step up to the plate! If you have no experience at it, that is ok! Out of all of the nets I have called, one of them had to be my first, and other net controls will tell you the same thing! When or if you decide to call a net for the first time, there is a good chance that others (including myself) will be listening and willing to help you if needed. I started as a substitute/back up net control, and in my opinion is the best way to start out. If you are interested in becoming a substitute/back up net control, please contact me via email at aj4nx@yahoo.com, or on the air if you hear me. That is all I have for this month! 73 till next time!

~AJ4NX~



Hamfest Calendar: (<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>)

- Friday, March 8 – Saturday March, 9: Charlotte Hamfest (Charlotte, NC)
- Saturday, March, 30: RARS Hamfest (Raleigh, NC)
- Saturday, April 27: Down East Hamfest (Kinston, NC)

Operating Contests: (<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>)

March

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| 9 Idaho QSO Party | 1900Z, Mar 9 to 1900Z, Mar 10 |
| 10 North American Sprint, RTTY | 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 10 |
| 10 Wisconsin QSO Party | 1800Z, Mar 10 to 0100Z, Mar 11 |
| 16 Russian DX Contest | 1200Z, Mar 16 to 1200Z, Mar 17 |
| 17 North American Sprint, SSB | 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 17 |
| 30 CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB | 0000Z, Mar 30 to 2400Z, Mar 31 |

April

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| 13 Montana QSO Party | 0000Z, Apr 13 to 2400Z, Apr 14 |
| 13 Georgia QSO Party | 1800Z, Apr 13 to 2359Z, Apr 14 |
| 19 Holyland DX Contest | 2100Z, Apr 19 to 2100Z, Apr 20 |
| 20 ES Open HF Championship | 0500Z-0859Z, Apr 20 |
| 20 EU Spring Sprint, SSB | 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 20 |
| 20 Michigan QSO Party | 1600Z, Apr 20 to 0400Z, Apr 21 |
| 20 Ontario QSO Party | 1800Z, Apr 20 to 1800Z, Apr 21 |
| 20 YU DX Contest | 2100Z, Apr 20 to 1700Z, Apr 21 |
| 21 ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB | 1800Z-2359Z, Apr 21 |
| 27 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital | 0001Z, Apr 27 to 2359Z, Apr 28 |
| 27 Florida QSO Party | 1600Z, Apr 27 to 2159Z, Apr 28 |

Special Events: (<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>)

03/09/2013 - Navy Seabees Birthday 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway(CV-41) Museum. SSB 14.320 7.250 PSK-31 14.070

03/15/2013 - 94th Birthday of The American Legion. Mar 15-Mar 16, 1600Z-2000Z, N9L, Indianapolis, IN. 14.270 +/- 5 kHz. Certificate. Occasional CW ops may be conducted on 21.040 intermittently, conditions permitting. www.legion.org/hamradio



03/30/2013 | Amateur Radio Lighthouse Spring QSO Party Mar 30-Mar 31, 1300Z-2200Z, 7.225 20 m 17 m 15/12 m.

04/06/2013 | 819 Steam Locomotive Special event Apr 6, 1500Z-2100Z, K5DAK, White Hall, AR. Pine Bluff Amateur Radio Club. 14.250.

04/11/2013 | 101st Anniversary of the Titanic Voyage Apr 11-Apr 15, 1330Z-0527Z, W1MGY, Indian Orchard, MA. Titanic Historical Society. 14.260 14.033 7.260 7.033.

04/19/2013 | Scoutfest 2013 Apr 19-Apr 21, 1700Z-1700Z, K2BSA/8, Zanesville, OH. Muskingum Valley Council BSA. 14.290 7.190. QSL.

04/20/2013 | International Marconi Day Apr 20, 0000Z-2359Z, GB5IMD, Flat Holm Island, WALES. Gordano Amateur Radio Group. 28.505 21.250 14.250 7.150

South Wake Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Report February 2013

Club Addition and Reduction Activity

Additions

Dues	30.00	cash	LewisSpurlin N4NCT
Meal	107.00	cash	meal expense and left over pizza sales
50/50	9.00	cash	
Donation	26.00	cash	
Total Additions	172.00		

Reductions

WalMart	33.69	check #1529	paper goods and soda
Milano's	88.29	check #1530	pizza
Dave Yow purchase of THF6A (\$294.95) for raffle and Red Flyer wagon (\$84.40) for Duke Hospital Total \$379.35	350.00	check #1531	Check #1531 given to Steve Mowels for Dave's purchase of HT radio at auction. Check #1532 given to Dave for remaining balance of wagon and THF6A radio.
	29.35	check #1532	
Total Reductions	501.33		

RBC Bank Account Activity

Balance as of 02/04/2013	1491.23		
Addition	172.00		
Reduction	501.33		

Balance as of 03/04/2013 1161.90

Christine Fernandini KJ4AEO 03/04/2013

Winter Field Day

Greetings SWARCers!

Well.....while you all were shivering your little buns off up in the greater Raleigh metro area, Steve KJ4LBR and your El Presidente Dave, K4MSE were having a real ball at Topsail Beach for the Winter Field Day 2013.

It was a bit of a hairy start to the weekend with the icy weather moving in faster than anticipated. I left Fuquay Varina around 10:45, which was about the time it all started there. Steve left work in Durham around 11:45. Our plan was to rendezvous in Warsaw to get to Topsail Beach in enough time to have the place open for the other six people who had signed up to come. I stopped by KA0GMY central and snagged his Eagle One antenna (Thanks for the loan Steve!). Since I was slightly ahead of the storm, I made good time and arrived in Warsaw around noon. Steve got caught by the traffic starting to back up in Durham and the I-440 beltline around Raleigh. By the time he got to Garner, I-40 was a parking lot, or a skating rink, take your pick.

The wonders of Ham Radio are many, and we put the 145.21 machine to good use. Chris, KC4EOG and Neil, WA4AZL provided a "Talk-In" to get Steve around all the traffic. Chris was at home and had access to all the DOT Cameras and Goggle maps, so he was able give Steve a real-time update on traffic conditions. Neil used his knowledge of the local area to get Steve navigated around the back roads. Now I don't want you to think I had it easy while Steve was out fighting the traffic and the icy conditions.... I had to struggle through a large BBQ and Fried Chicken Combo at Smithfield's BBQ, then walk back out to my truck and take a nap while I waited for him to arrive. Steve finally made it to Warsaw and he did partake of the 'Que, then we hit the road. We had no issues heading further south and arrived at Steve's Beach House a little after 5PM.

Gino called us on the road and told his he wouldn't be able to make it due to his playing Mr.Mom while Christie had to stay late at work. (He was the only SWARCer we heard from, and he was even signed up to come! Thanks for letting us know Gino!). Since I hadn't received any calls, or emails in the days leading up to the trip from those that had signed up to come that they WEREN'T coming, we kept our phones handy and monitored our emails for any word, especially with the weather conditions. We decided to wait to go out to eat, just in case

someone arrived and needed to get into the place. We were a bit worried that we hadn't heard from anyone, because as far all either of us knew, folks could have been stuck on the side on the road. After it got past 7:00 and we hadn't heard anything from anybody, it was too late to set up, so Steve and I went to a great restaurant for some Crab Fritters!

The next morning, we checked emails and phones for news and found none, so we had breakfast and started setting up. I had my Kenwood TS-440S/AT hooked up to KA0GMY's Eagle One. Steve brought his "Go Kit" with his Yeasu 857 hooked up to his G5RV Jr. We had those antennas up in less than 30 minutes. (We had the Club "Bug Catcher" as a backup too!) We made our first contact with a West Virginia Station. The bands didn't cooperate well and all in all we made about 20 contacts with stations as far away as Arizona and New Brunswick. When activity fell off in the afternoon, (We still hadn't heard from anyone), we beat feet for an early dinner at a Sports Bar in Sneads Ferry. Again...great food! When we came back, activity was up some, so we operated and kept an eye on the State-Carolina Game. We packed it in around 11 PM. The next morning found the bands in the same so-so conditions, so we went out and did breakfast, came back and tore down.

A good time was had and I would like to thank Steve and his XYL for opening his Beach House to the Club so we could have the opportunity to do something besides the same ol' things we always do. It was great to get out and be at the beach, play radio and watch State whip Carolina (well...unless you're a Carolina Fan.).

73 de K4MSE
El Presidente Dave

This is the report that Dave our fearless leader filed and a very impressive report it was. I also would like to thank Steve and his wife for opening their home to the South Wake Group. I am sorry that I was unable to attend and I regret that I was not there to help keep Dave in check.

Dave (K4MSE) also submitted some pictures and I would like to share them with the SWARC family because you need to know the truth ; no matter how it hurts. So here are the pictures just the way they were received. You make up your own mind about what happened that weekend.



Here we see Steve (KJ4LBR) at his operating station.



Here is Dave securing his Antenna

But can Dave explain this Photo



Here is Dave (K4MSE) at his operating station.

